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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 23130 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE

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REF: (A) STATE 187016; (B) PARIS 22984 (NOTAL)

1. IN VIEW OF THE AMBASSADOR'S AUG 8 DISCUSSION WITH
FON MIN GUIRINGAUD OF THE PROPOSED US-UK APPROACH ON
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RHODESIA (REF B) , WE WENT ALONG WITH THE BRITISH
EMBASSY CLEAR PREFERENCE THAT REF A INSTRUCTION BE
CARRIED OUT AT A LOWER LEVEL. CONSEQUENTLY, BRITISH
CHARGE JAMES AND, IN ABSENCE DCM, EMBASSY POLITICAL
COUNSELOR MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE TO QUAI DIRECTOR FOR
AFRICA GUY GEORGY AUG 9. GUIRINGAUD HAD EMPHASIZED TO
THE AMBASSADOR THAT FRANCE CONSIDERS THAT THE UK HAS

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA, THAT THE UK AND THE US SHARE THE PLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT FRANCE WANTS TO LEND FULL SUPPORT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORTS.

2. GEORGY INDICATED THAT THE OVERALL FRENCH REACTION IS VERY POSITIVE . SPECIFICALLY, UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TELEPHONED GUIRINGAUD ON MORNING OF AUG 9. GUIRINGAUD ASSURED OWEN FO FRANCE'S "FULL SUPPORT" FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN, GEORGY SAID THIS INCLUDES ACTION WITH SOUTH AFRICANS, IN THE UN INCLUDING SANCTIONS AS NECESSARY, AND " IN PRINCIPLE" WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED ZIMBABWE FUND. GEORGY EXPRESSED SOME PERSONAL DOUBTS ABOUT EFFECTIVENESS OF SANCTIONS AND SPECIFICALLY RESERVED FRANCE'S POSITION ABOUT FUND DETAILS INCLUDING A CONTRIBUTION.

3. WE INTEND TO UNDERSCOURE THE MATTER ONCE MORE WITH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LABOULAYE.
HARTMAN
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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